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Honorable Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR § 1.136 (a)

Sir:

Applicant hereby petitions pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.136 for a ONE-MONTH extension of time for responding to the outstanding Office Action of May 6, 2003. The period for response is accordingly hereby extended to expire on September 6, 2003, by the filing herewith of a Petition for a one-month extension of time and payment of the required fee, which is still within the six-month statutory period for response.

The required fee as established by 37 CFR §1.17(a), (b), (c) or (d) pursuant to 35 U.S.C. §41(a)(8) is: \$55.00. A check for \$55.00 is enclosed.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required in connection with this petition to **Deposit Account No. 501874**. Respectfully submitted,

Date: September 8, 2003

By:

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